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1. We are sending. Under Separate Cover, translations of the memorandum prepared by [] on his meeting with Langbein, an exchange of letters between them, and two memoranda on Langbein, written by Leopold Voller [] and forwarded to [] by Wolfgang Mueller. [] report to us was delayed by his misunderstanding that we was to hold it until he saw [] rather than mail it to Genetempo. To Headquarters: we are preparing a separate intel dispatch based on the contents of [] memorandum.

2. [] a dispatch adds little to the report forwarded in Reference A. Having stimulated [] contact with Langbein in the first place, we will continue to encourage him to maintain it, but to go slow on developing too confidential a relationship until we can assess Langbein -- and his associates for that matter -- more thoroughly. We still seek to capitalize on Langbein's name by associating him with a small-scale souvenir committee such as [] described to him. Perhaps through this device, and after acquiring more information on the Auschwitz group, we might be able to promote open criticism and even withdrawal by non-communist members in protest against the assertion of blatant communist domination by Langbein's ejection and removal behind the curtain.

3. On another level, and at no expense, we could intercede with American nationals who are associated with the Auschwitz Committee. Since most of the reported four million casualties at Auschwitz were Jewish (as opposed to the other camps where the majority, we understand, was non-Jewish) we assume that the Americans associated with the Committee are members of the Jewish community. We would also assume that Israeli membership in the Auschwitz Committee is important (one of the new executive committee is from Israel) and that leaders of the American Jewish community may have access to Auschwitz Committee members in Israel. In connection with Headquarters' statement, para 2 of Reference C, that the main problem is identifying these individuals, we offer the following possible lead. A story appeared in the Sunday, 20 March, New York Times, "News of the Week" section reporting that a dinner was to be held on that date to open a world-wide scholarship fund drive for the survivors of Auschwitz victims.

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<p>It stated further that a meeting had been held the previous week of a four-man committee to plan this dinner. The chances are good, therefore, that a previous news story appeared in the N.Y. Times during the week of 15 March, giving the names of members of this committee. After securing a CSA, one or more of these individuals might be interviewed on this subject by the Hqs. case officer.</p> <p>4. The letters from Voller offer an intriguing problem. When <input type="checkbox"/> heard of them, he of course cross-examined <input type="checkbox"/> on how Voller or Mueller could have known about <input type="checkbox"/> meeting with Langbein. <input type="checkbox"/> maintained that he had never mentioned this contact to either of them; he pursues no direct relationship whatever with Voller. Ruling out coincidence, the most likely explanation seems to be as follows: Langbein, who indicated he knew Voller, must have mentioned the meeting to him. Voller, probably anxious to demonstrate his proficiency, forwarded the unsolicited memoranda to Mueller.</p> <p>One interesting point raised in these papers is Voller's predication that the Auschwitz Committee will become a hard-lining communist front, now that Langbein's restraining influence is removed. We have no comment on this.</p> <p>5. In forwarding Voller's correspondence, Mueller appended a note beginning: "The former communist HL wants to make contacts. He is a Titoist. I wish to say to our Salzburg friend that we don't want contacts with L." On the other hand, it is a good thing to add HL against WSHACKERY and Moscow. I suggest this is a job for Sommerhauser (to COS, Vienna; Sommerhauser is a left-wing Belgian who quit WSHACKERY's executive board and maintains some contact with <input type="checkbox"/>. It's the work of a journalist." Typical of Mueller's "professional" style of cryptic utterance, we could not accord it much consideration even if we could divine what the author means by "Titoist," "the work of a journalist" and so on.</p>		
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